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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.- 16. (Canceled)

17. (New) An information reproducing apparatus used in a transmitting/receiving system comprising a transmitting side and a receiving side,

said transmitting side including:

means for transmitting information to be transmitted together with corresponding transmission time information; and

means for transmitting transmission time information continuously after transmission of the transmitting information to be transmitted is ended,

said receiving side including:

means for reproducing received information which is the information to be transmitted, and reproducing the transmission time information;

means for temporarily storing the received information as the stored information and the transmission time information as the stored transmission time information when the reproduction is interrupted;

means for obtaining a time difference between the stored transmission time information and the received transmission time information when the interruption is released; and

means for making a reproduction of the stored information if the time difference is less than a predetermined value, and means for executing charging of pay information in accordance with a value of the time difference.

18. (New) An apparatus according to claim 1, further including means for giving warning in sound or pictures on a display, if the time difference exceeds the predetermined value.

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19. (New) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the received information and the received transmission time information are stored in the storing means in an encrypted state.

20. (New) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the received information is information including encrypted television signals.

21. (New) An information reproducing method used in a transmitting/receiving system including a transmitting side and a receiving side, comprising steps of:

in said transmitting side,

transmitting information to be transmitted together with corresponding transmission time information; and

transmitting transmission time information continuously after transmission of the transmitting information to be transmitted is ended,

in the receiving side,

reproducing received information which is the information to be transmitted, and reproducing the transmission time information;

temporarily storing the received information as the stored information and the transmission time information as the stored transmission time information when the reproduction is interrupted;

obtaining a time difference between the stored transmission time information and the received transmission time information when the interruption is released; and

making a reproduction of the stored information if the time difference is less than a predetermined value, and executing charging of pay information in accordance with the value of the time difference.

22. (New) An information reproducing apparatus for a transmitting/receiving system having a transmitting side and a receiving side, comprising:

on the transmitting side, a transmitting portion which transmits information to be transmitted together with corresponding transmission time information and which continues to transmit the transmission time information after completing the transmission of the information to be transmitted;

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on the receiving side, a reproducing portion which receives the information to be transmitted and the transmission time information and reproduces the information to be transmitted and the transmission time information;

a storing portion which temporarily stores the information to be transmitted as stored information to be transmitted and the transmission time information as stored transmission time information when reproduction is interrupted;

a time-difference-obtaining portion which obtains a time difference between the stored transmission time information and transmission time information received after the interruption is terminated; and

a conditional-reproduction portion which reproduces the stored information to be transmitted if the time difference is less than a predetermined value; and

a charging portion which executes charging of pay information in accordance with a value of the time difference.

23. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, further comprising a warning portion which provides a warning in sound or in pictures on a display if the time difference exceeds the predetermined value.

24. (New) An apparatus according to claim 22, wherein the received information to be transmitted and the received transmission time information are stored in the storing portion in an encrypted state.

25. (New) An apparatus according to claim 24, wherein the received information to be transmitted includes encrypted television signals.

26. (New) An information reproducing method for a transmitting/receiving system having a transmitting side and a receiving side, comprising:  
on the transmitting side, transmitting information to be transmitted together with corresponding transmission time information and continuing to transmit the transmission time information after completing transmission of the information to be transmitted;  
on the receiving side, receiving the information to be transmitted and the transmission time information and reproducing the information to be transmitted and the transmission time information;

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temporarily storing the information to be transmitted as stored information to be transmitted and the transmission time information as stored transmission time information when interruption occurs in reproduction;

obtaining a time difference between the stored transmission time information and transmission time information received after the interruption ends; and

making a reproduction of the stored information to be transmitted if the time difference is less than a predetermined value; and

executing charging of pay information in accordance with a value of the time difference.